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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of June, 1947

The Association of American Railroads reports that fruit and vegetable loading has been heavy, particularly so in California, Texas and Florida. Loadings in Florida and Texas will start decreasing by the end of May, but will increase sharply in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and other southeastern States as peaches, potatoes, and other vegetables will start moving in volume. Loadings will continue heavy in California and Arizona due to continued heavy movement of lettuce, citrus and potatoes. The cantaloup movement will be well under way by the first of June and tree fruit crops will commence to move in volume during June. The movement of winter potatoes from Maine, Idaho, and other producing areas is rapidly coming to a close.

The refrigerator car supply has been satisfactory for the past month and all orders are being filled currently. Indications are that the car supply will be fairly easy until the middle of June, when it will again be tied up due to heavy summer loading of perishables.

The Bureau of Agriculture Economics reports that most vegetable crops in States east of the Mississippi River developed slowly during the second half of April. Farther west, however, temperatures generally favored rapid maturity of crops. Most crops in the East are from one to three weeks later than usual.

In Florida heavy rains have caused further damage to spring crops. In Georgia and the Carolinas, crops made some recovery but are still later than usual. On the Pacific Coast most crops have matured rapidly and are two weeks in advance of schedule. In California lettuce shipments are in good volume and the weather has been ideal for melon planting.

Our estimates indicate that approximately 84,645 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped during the month of June 1947, compared with a revised estimate of 79,031 cars in May 1947, and a decrease of 6.8 percent as compared with the 90,775 cars shipped during June 1946.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Pacific Region during June 1947, have been estimated to total approximately 2,798. Those that will move in volume are shown below by commodities and States of origin:

North Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads		
	Washington	Oregon	Idaho
Apples	60	-	-
Cherries	550	110	100
Lettuce & Romaine	30	480	450
Mixed Vegetables	25	-	60
Onions	80	-	-
Peas, green	10	50	290
Potatoes	110	20	300

Our estimates of fresh fruits and vegetables to move in volume from the South Pacific Region during June 1947 are as follows:

South Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	California	Arizona
Apples	30	-
Apricots	500	-
Cantaloups	5,600	2,570
Carrots	1,420	1,000
Cauliflower	275	-
Celery	970	-
Cabbage	70	-
Cherries	450	-
Corn, green	140	-
Grapefruit	300	700
Grapes	325	-
Honey Ball Melons	180	40
Honey Dew Melons	850	50

South Pacific Region (Cont'd.)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
Lemons	2,600	-
Lettuce & Romaine	3,300	-
Mixed Citrus Fruit	680	100
Mixed Deciduous Fruit	160	-
Mixed Melons	360	30
Mixed Vegetables	900	20
Onions	1,200	210
Oranges & Satsumas	5,700	70
Peaches	200	-
Peas, green	40	-
Plums & Prunes	2,000	-
Potatoes	12,000	500
Tomatoes	430	20

Total estimated rail shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Rocky Mountain Region during June 1947, will aggregate 596 carloads. These will consist chiefly of the following from Colorado: 200 cars of mixed vegetables; 140 cars of potatoes; 70 cars of lettuce, and 40 cars of spinach. In this same Region it has also been estimated that approximately 120 cars of cherries will originate in Utah.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Central Region during June 1947, are estimated to be about 140. Our estimates indicate that potato shipments will originate as follows: 70 carloads from Minnesota and 40 carloads from North Dakota. Iowa is expected to originate 30 carloads of cabbage.

Principal carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southwestern Region (excluding Texas), during the month of June 1947, will approximate 3,468. Those to move in volume are shown to originate as follows:

Southwestern Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>		
	<u>Arkansas</u>	<u>Louisiana</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>
Cabbage	25	5	-
Corn, green	50	80	70
Cucumbers	120	100	-
Mixed Vegetables	5	230	-
Onions	-	45	-
Peaches	275	-	-
Peppers, green	-	130	-
Potatoes	590	200	150
Sweetpotatoes	-	55	-
Tomatoes	115	90	5

Other important estimated shipments to originate in this Region during June 1947 are potatoes, i.e.; 400 cars from Missouri; 350 cars from Kansas; and 10 cars from New Mexico. Missouri is also expected to ship 130 cars of cabbage.

The estimated carload shipments to originate in the Great Lakes Region during the month of June 1947, will approximate 325. Only the important movements are listed below by States of origin and they are:

Great Lakes Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>Michigan</u>
Apples	75	-
Celery	-	30
Cabbage	-	75
Onions	-	40
Peaches	30	-

Our estimated rail carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables that will originate in the New England Region during June 1947 should aggregate around 400. All of these are expected to originate in Maine and will be confined to potatoes.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables estimated to originate in the Middle Atlantic Region during June 1947 will aggregate approximately 190. The principal movements will be 75 cars of snap and lima beans and 35 cars of potatoes from Maryland; 25 cars of apples from Pennsylvania; and 20 cars of onions from New York.

Principal carload shipments to originate in the Southern Region (excluding Florida) during June 1947, are estimated to be as follows:

Southern Region

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads		
	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Georgia</u>	<u>Kentucky</u>
Cantaloups	-	50	-
Corn, green	200	10	20
Cucumbers	-	45	-
Peaches	35	3,800	-
Potatoes	900	40	20

Estimated carloads

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads				
	<u>Mississippi</u>	<u>Carolina</u>	<u>Carolina</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
Apples	-	-	-	-	100
Beans, snap & lima	35	90	30	-	60
Cantaloups	-	-	170	-	-
Cabbage	10	15	-	400	-
Cucumbers	-	215	700	10	-
Mixed Vegetables	25	150	40	-	10
Peppers, green	45	15	-	-	-
Potatoes	260	4,000	900	425	4,800
Tomatoes	500	10	80	300	-

Important carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Texas and Florida during June 1947, are estimated as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>Texas</u>	<u>Florida</u>
Beans, snap & lima	-	35
Cantaloups	140	-
Carrots	250	-
Celery	-	270
Corn, green	220	10
Grapefruit	500	700
Mixed Citrus Fruit	-	450
Mixed Vegetables	20	200
Onions	1,000	-
Oranges & Satsumas	-	1,300
Peppers, green	40	100
Potatoes	375	90
Tomatoes	5,000	-

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